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NEW RETAIL OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) where there is any policy applicable to PSU oil companies that they should notset up rival outlet next to any outlets of any other PSU oil company;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any minimum distance ban involved in such establishment of new retail outlets by other PS U oil companies;

(d) if so, the details of the minimum distance which should be there between the retail outlets of an oil PSU; and

(e) the details of this policy and inhibitions imposed on establishment of new retail outlets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to(e): After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism in the petroleum sector w.e.f. 1.4.202, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have freedom to select locations for retail outlet dealerships, provided that the locations meet certain norms like commercial viability and non-encroachment of the existing retail outlet.